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Re: Filing of Reissue Patent Application  
Lawrence R. Koh, Applicant  
Our Docket No.:0229

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an application for reissue of patent number 6,015,397, issued Jan. 18, 2000 to Edward E. Elson and Lawrence R. Koh for NEEDLE POINT GUARD SAFETY CAP ASSEMBLY, our Docket No. 0229.

This reissue application contains the original patent including the cover page, five (5) sheets of Drawings; with Figures 1 - 10; Abstract on the cover page; Specification, columns one to eight; and Claims one to twenty-two on columns eight to twelve. Also included as a part of the application is a proposed Amendment consisting of pages 1 to 18.

The original U.S. Patent was assigned to Lawrence R. Koh. A copy of the assignment document is enclosed, with the recordation on November 2, 1998, at Reel/Frame: 9567/0209. There has been no subsequent reassignment. Lawrence R. Koh is the Applicant in this application.

Lawrence R. Koh's address has changed from: 11755 Wilshire Blvd., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90025 to: **4113 Woodman Avenue, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423.**

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Filing of Application to Reissue Patent 6,015,397

Lawrence R. Koh, Applicant

There is no present litigation regarding the issued patent and there has been none before this date.

This application has no requested changes in original drawings.

This application has no requested changes in original specifications.

This application has no requested changes in original claims.

All original claims are being resubmitted and none are being canceled.

New claims 23 through 61 are being submitted. All new claims are clearly supported by the original drawings.

THE APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS.

Reissue Application Declarations executed by both inventors are enclosed. Mr. Koh, by signing the Declaration, has consented to the reissue proceedings.


All documents are in English, and the inventorship of all claims is the same.

Also enclosed in a separate package is IDS Form PTO/SB/08A, together with copies of 26 prior art references listed therein.

Also enclosed is a check for \$ 1225.00 for the filing fee. If additional fees are required for filing the application, please charge to deposit account No. 012226 of the undersigned. Any overpayment should be refunded to that account. Also enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

Sincerely,

January 17, 2002

  
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